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Dear All,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas, a fabulous family break and a prosperous New Year.

This term we have been very busy with Nativities, Carol services, Christmas dinners, parties and discos. It is such a special time of year and the children really add the sparkle. The Nativity this year was a tear jerker - the children were exceptional and it was obvious that they melted the hearts of the audiences (with the tears and tissues I could hear around me).

We have had much success with our sporting events this term (under the direction of Mr Morton). Our girls and boys football teams have beaten local rivals and always conducted themselves with sportsmanship and respect. Our netball team are busy preparing for matches that will start in the New Year.

The teachers planned some trips this term which have been quite simply out of this world - Harry Potter World, London Observatory and Colne Valley Railway to name a few! I am led to believe that the curriculum has been planned with just as much excitement for next term. I have been placed under strict instructions from the teachers not to give too much of the secret away. Therefore, may I suggest that you watch this space in the New Year when the new parent letters come out.

Mrs Lucraft has been working very hard meeting with many sporting professionals to secure some new, and different opportunities for the children in the New Year. More information to follow.

I must also mention our whole school assembly by Google and how online safety is so very important. Please can I ask that you take a few moments this holiday to remind your children about the rules for staying safe online while they are playing with their new games and consoles over the break.

Children's voices in our school are incredibly important. The start of our family group assemblies on Mondays has cemented the time for them to learn how to lead and to have an input in how our school continues to change and improve.

I could talk about our wonderful school for ages - so in order to leave time for you all to wrap your presents I will stop now and wish you all a Happy Christmas. I will look forward to hearing all your holiday stories in the new year.

kindest regards

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